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Hyperion comment.

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Attn: Hyperion Air Permit

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to request that you require Hyperion to complete an environmental impact statement before you act on its request for an Air Quality permit. This is a huge construction project and those of us who live in the vicinity will be greatly affected by the resulting refinery. This project has the potential to degrade our environment, especially our air, greatly. Take your time and determine the standards for this facility carefully. It is important that you see the entire picture rather than just pieces of the whole before making decisions about air quality.

First of all, the tar sands from which the refinery will be making petroleum products is the most toxic crude available. How will this crude be brought to the refinery? What pipelines will be required to carry the products from the refinery to markets? It makes no sense to me that placement of pipes carrying crude to the refinery and carrying products from the refinery will be considered **after** the details of plant construction. What is the potential of these pipelines to degrade air quality? What happens to air quality if one of these pipelines leaks?

What is the impact on land and water when the particles released into the air then fall to the ground or water below? How does degraded air quality affect wetlands, stream water quality, and aquatic habitat in the area? How will endangered species be impacted? What is the impact on the crops grown on the land nearby?

Global warming is a reality. Does it make any sense to build a refinery when the amount of oil in the world is decreasing? Are you considering the impact on the earth of releasing huge amounts of carbon dioxide into the air? Doesn't it make more sense to build wind or solar generating facilities rather than a huge carbon dioxide producing refinery?

I am a cancer survivor. I know that pollutants are one cause of cancer. The many pollutants that Hyperion will be emitting into the air will greatly change the quality of the air I breathe. Are you requiring Hyperion to meet the most stringent standards possible? They told us in all their press that they wanted to be the greenest refinery in the country. Hold them to that standard and protect the health of the citizens of South Dakota (and Iowa and Nebraska.)

Sincerely,

Vikki Fix